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SUBJ: REPORTED ECEVIT INTEREST IN PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN INVESTORS

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1. EMBASSY NOW DOUBTS THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAS
ASKED FORMER TURKISH AMBASSADOR NURI EREN, HEAD OF NEW YORK
REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE OF YAPI VE KREDI BANKASI, TO REPORT
BACK TO HIM ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF OPERATING IN
TURKEY AS PERCEIVED BY FOREIGN INVESTORS (REFTEL). WHEN
E/C COUNSELOR LUNCHEd WITH EREN, AT HIS INVITATION, MARCH
31, EREN, WHO SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO MEET WITH MR ECEVIT
THAT EVENING, DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT OF PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN
INVESTORS. WHEN E/C COUNSELOR DID RAISE IT, AND SUGGESTED
THAT TURKEY WAS NEGLECTING THE FOREIGN PRIVATE SECTOR AS
IMPORTANT SOURCE OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, EREN SAID EMBASSY
WOULD BE "WASTING ITS BREATH" TO TRY TO MAKE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT MORE RECEPTIVE TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

2. EMBASSY FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN EREN'S
STATEMENTS TO MOBIL REPRESENTATIVE MARC
CASANOVA THAT HE WAS SOLICITING VIEWS OF MIBIL AND
OTHER FOREIGN INVESTORS ON BEHALF OF THE PRIME MINISTER.
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WE MUST CONCLUDE THAT EREN'S "ASSIGNMENT" WAS SELF-
PROPOSED AND ABANDONED AS SOMETHING THAT OFFERED HIM NO
SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITY.

3. UNFORTUNATELY, WITH EVAPORATION OF EREN'S
MISSION, EMBASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE AT THIS TIME THAT
PRIME MINISTER IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING HOW HE MIGHT

MAKE TURKISH OFFICIAL ENVIRONMENT MORE WELCOMING TO
FOREIGN INVESTORS.
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